



Crescent Hill Newsletter

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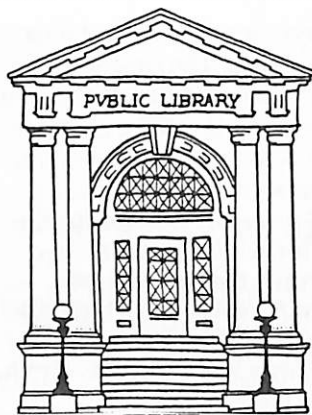
The Future of the Neighborhood's Library

The Crescent Hill neighborhood has been served by a library at Frankfort and South Birchwood Avenues since 1908. But the service could end, and the branch close, in the wake of the defeat of the library tax in November. Library Director Harriet Henderson confirms that a task force studying the library's future will likely consider closing branches, including the Crescent Hill library. The task force is studying the library system and options for working with a budget of \$6 million per year, which is just over half of what library officials say they need.

Friends of the Crescent Hill Branch Library is organizing a letter writing campaign, asking city, county and library officials not to curtail service or close the branch. The Board of Directors of the Frankfort Avenue Business Association has also voted to oppose closure of the Crescent Hill library, at a meeting attended by a quorum of the board on December 13.

The tax initiative, which would have raised

\$30 per year from the average wage earner in Jefferson County, was heavily supported in Crescent Hill. It carried each of the precincts in which Crescent Hill residents vote,



THE CRESCENT HILL BRANCH LIBRARY

in Crescent Hill, members of the Friends group fear that Crescent Hill's branch will be a target for closure, in part because the

building is not accessible to the handicapped. They find that ironic because the city has appropriated \$171,000 to improve the building. Henderson says the money remains earmarked for the project but will not be spent until the fate of the branch is determined.

with a total margin of two-to-one, 2,344 to 1,171. (The precinct by precinct vote is listed on page 3.) Throughout the county, the initiative failed by just over 6,000 votes.

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Amy Parker, the President of the Crescent Hill Friends group, said she "believes that the vote demonstrated that the neighborhood wants the branch and wants it here". The group is urging individuals who agree with that assessment to write the Mayor, County Judge-Executive, First Ward Alderman, A-District County Commissioner and Henderson. (Names and addresses are listed below.) A flyer explaining the letter writing campaign is available at the branch, along with forms for making suggestions about the future of the library system.

Library supporters are invited to help the friends group in working for maintenance and improvement of the neighborhood's library. The group will meet on Monday, January 13, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. in the basement auditorium of the Crescent Hill branch. All library supporters are urged to attend.

Where to Write to Express Your Opinion on the Library

Mayor Jerry Abramson
City Hall
601 West Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY 40202-2730

Alderman Melissa Mershon
City Hall
601 West Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY 40202-2730

Ms. Harriet Henderson
Louisville Free Public Library
301 York Street
Louisville, KY 40202

Judge-Executive David Armstrong
527 W. Jefferson Street, Suite 401
Louisville, KY 40202

A-District County Commissioner*
527 W Jefferson St, Suite 201
Louisville, KY 40202

*At press time, the successor to Chris Gorman had not yet been named.

Coming Attractions

New Years Day..... January 1

January Crescent Hill Board Meeting
(Everyone Invited)January 9

February Newsletter
Deadline.....January 10

Martin Luther King Jr Day..January 20

March Newsletter
Deadline.....February 14

*NOTE: The newsletter deadline is the second Friday of each month.